

Poetry.

From the Christian Intelligencer.

FAREWELL OF THE SOUL TO THE BODY.

Companion dear—the hour draws nigh.

The westerner speeds to die—to die;

So long in myrtle hand held.

How close in strong embrace compe'd,

How close that heart the dead desire.

To him who on this mortal shore,

The same enraptured vestment wore.

To him I bow, to him I bend,

To him thy slumbering hand command.

If he ever eases thee from pain:

The throbbing heart, the burning brain,

With care and vigil turned thee pale.

Or ached thee when thy strength was all,

Forgive, forgive, thy task done.

Friend, lover, let us part in peace.

That thou dost sometimes eke my course,

Or with thy tidings cheer my force,

Or from heaven my weeping trust,

Or how my drooping woe to dust—

I leave thee not, my spirit is done,

I know thou wilt be true to me.

The vale of earth, the trembling cloud,

Constrained to hold "the breath of God."

Well hast thou in my service wrought,

Thy brow hath mirrored forth my thought,

To wear my smile thy lip hath glow'd.

Thy tears to speak my sorrow bow'd,

Thine ear hath borne my rich supplies.

Of rapturous melody thy voice has done,

Thy hands my promised deeds have done.

Thy feet upon my errands run,

Yes, thou hast marked my bidding well.

Faithful and true—farewell, farewell.

Go to thy rest, a quiet bed.

Meek mother earth with flowers shall spread:

Where I no more thy sleep may break.

With fevered dream, no more shall I,

The weary eye, thy quivering hand,

For thou art faint, and chill, and cold,

And still thy grasp and groan of pain.

Do hind me, pitying, in thy chain,

Though angels wane he hence to soar.

Where I can share thy woes no more.

Yet shall we meet. To soothe thy pain,

Remember, or shouldst thou care.

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disloyal, he is authorized instantly to represent

the cause, that proceedings may be thereupon

taken. The Governor having under his way

the whole land of Yue, it may well be con-

sidered that these boats would not trouble him

an iota. As soon as the boats shall have sailed,

the merchant ships may at once have their

trade reopened as usual.

The prefect and commandant having re-

ceived this document, proceeded to give com-

mands as above.

On the 31st December this correspondence

is published by Captain Elliott, accompanied

by an official Notice to British Subjects, in

which he announces that public intercourse is

renewed, and states the reasons of his conduct.

Of the trade now suppressed, and which he

heartily hopes has ceased forever, he declares

his opinion, that in its general effects, it was

intensely mischievous to every branch of the

trade, that it was rapidly staining the British

character with deep disgrace, and that it ex-

posed the vast public and private interests in-

volved in the peaceful maintenance of our

regular commercial intercourse with China to

imminent jeopardy. He feels, therefore, he

should have betrayed his duty, had he hesitated

longer to separate Her Majesty's Government

from any direct or implied countenance of this

dangerous irregularity. He had resolved to

shrink from no responsibility in drawing it to

a conclusion, and will as firmly use all lawful

means to prevent its recurrence. The com-

munity settled at Canton generally concur

strongly with him in the deprecation of this

peculiar mischief, of which he has informed

the Home Government. The taking of the

British Government, and the Orders in Council upon which his

instructions are founded. His instructions he

cannot publish. If any persons feel aggrieved

by his measures, they have a legal remedy in a

representation to the Secretary of State for

Foreign Affairs.

It appears that in consequence of these

transactions, the general trade which had been

suspended for three weeks, was resumed on

the first day of the new year. The Opium

boats had all left the river; and it may be con-

sidered a settled thing, that that branch of the

trade is at an end. There are few of the Canton

merchants disposed to murmur at this, as

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British Superintendent on this issued a Procla-

mation, stating that, urged by considerations

immediately affecting the lives and property

of Her Majesty's subjects engaged in trade in

China, he ordered all small rigged craft, carry-

ing British colors, and now employed in smug-

gling Opium on shore, to quit the river within

three days. Thus the British Consul in China

has identified himself with the Chinese author-

ity, to put down the Opium trade. The

Governor of Canton has, in consequence, per-

mitted the legitimate trade to be again carried

on. The conduct of Capt. Elliott has neces-

sarily created the greatest excitement among

the European merchants at Canton, who are

interested in the sale of this drug; and we fan-

cy the excitement it will create in Leadenhall

street, will be no less extraordinary. It lays

the axe at the root of a revenue of between one

and two millions a year to the Government, and

the call for money is likely to be of no ordi-

nary urgency.

A letter from Singapore, containing infor-

mation from China to the 5th January, appears

this day in the papers, stating the consumption

of Opium in China this year is likely to fall

short by one half of that of the past year; and

when this circumstance is taken into considera-

tion, with the Opium which has been manufac-

tured at this Presidency and in Malwa, it is

calculated that there will be an over supply in

China, at the close of the year, of no less than

32,000 chests.

From the Philadelphia North American.

LETTERS FROM THE WEST.—NO. 17.

By Rev. Dr. HUMPHREY.

PITTSBURGH, May 14, 1839.

The approach to Pittsburgh, along the banks